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TOPIC Military Information from the Zeithain Troop Training Grounds 25X1A

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

The Zeithain troop training grounds has considerably been enlarged in 1953, especially along the eastern and northeastern boundary. Fields, some of them already under cultivation, were confiscated without compensation in the villages of Gohlis, Zeithain, Lichtensee, Niska, Jakobsthal and Kosilenzien. <sup>1</sup> The troop training grounds were permanently occupied to excess by tank units that tent camps had to be established in addition to the other quarters. A Soviet major told source that his unit had come from Oschatz. The tank training site of the troop training grounds is situated immediately north of the Falkenberg-Riesa railroad line which crosses the training area. Source observed tank exercises. <sup>2</sup> The Soviet komendatura in Riesa was moved from Stern Inn on Meissener Strasse to Raedisch Inn on Friedrich-Engel Strasse, formerly Bismarck Strasse.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The information is given credence on the basis of reports available here.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Reports from Riesa and Oschatz indicated that major components of the 9th Tank Div have been at Zeithain since late April. See [REDACTED] 25X1A  
In addition, about 3,000 KVP personnel are quartered in Zeithain.

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